

TRIP
Training and Realising Innovations in Internationalisation at Home Pedagogies
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to our ninth newsletter in which we focus on the final online TRIP project multiplier event which was organised by the University of Limerick. This event took place online on 8th January 2025 and the audience numbered more than 300 participants, many of whom came from external institutions other than the TRIP partners. This was important as it is essential that we disseminate the TRIP Project outputs and raise awareness of our approach and its benefits.

***Advancing Inclusion in Internationalised and Ethnically and Culturally
Diverse Higher Education Context***

The focus of the event was to highlight how the outputs created by the TRIP project could contribute to advancing inclusive internationalisation at home in internationalised and ethnically and culturally diverse higher education contexts, both within the EU educational landscape and in Global South countries in different parts of the world. It also highlighted how the TRIP Project outputs could be applied in order to harness the growing ethnic and cultural diversity in higher education globally for intercultural learning and to develop a greater awareness and appreciation of multiculturalism across our university campuses, with a view to combating racism in particular.



The main speaker for the first session was Dr Niloufar Omidi who is the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer at the University of Limerick. Dr Omidi presented on the new Human Rights Policy and Strategy which has been developed at the university, and the ways in which it seeks to strengthen the commitment of the university to the core EU values of EDI and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs). From this, Dr Omidi highlighted how the TRIP Project will be applied by the university to help advance these values and goals over the next five years, and the ways it can serve as a model for other universities to draw on as they develop their own related agendas.



In the second session, universities from Algeria and Indonesia (Dr Omar Behadada from the University of Tlemcen, an associate partner in the TRIP Project) and from Indonesia (Dr Yanuar Prestyo from the University of Lampung and Gita Hati from the University of Bengkulu)



presented on their perspectives and experiences in relation to internationalisation and internationalisation at home. Their presentations provided unique insights into trends and developments in these areas in Global South countries and the types of issues and challenges which universities in their countries are now addressing. All three speakers highlighted the ways in which they had been involved in the TRIP project across the various outputs and the benefits this had brought for their universities in terms of developing and raising visibility in relation to their international profile, and the knowledge and skills gained by staff and students.

In the third and final session, teamchers and students presented on their experiences of collaborating inter-institutionally and inter-culturally by means of the virtual exchange model that the TRIP project has created. Students highlighted the videos they had created to address challenges in the area of race and racism and the valuable insights and skills they had developed along the way. This really brought home the value of the model and resources

which the TRIP project has developed to help raise awareness and address societal challenges in the area of race.

The event closed with a lively discussion involving representatives from the five TRIP partner universities and invited guests, about future directions in internationalisation at home in HE and how universities in Global North/South countries could work together to ensure that all students, whatever their backgrounds and means, can be provided with an enriching international education experience that better prepares them to become active and socially responsible, global citizens.

The TRIP Multiplier Event was attended by more than seventy academics and students from external universities, as well as by over fifty academics and students from the TRIP partner universities and created a valuable platform to share the key learning and outputs from the TRIP project with a large audience.

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